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Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 08702.0069-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Blusztajn et al.) Group Art Unit: 1632
)
Application No.: 09/656,935) Examiner: Anne Marie Baker
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Filed: September 7, 2000)
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For: BMP-9 COMPOSITIONS AND)
METHODS FOR INDUCING)
DIFFERENTIATION OF)
CHOLINERGIC NEURONS)

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Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of October 3, 2002. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a [number] month(s) extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$ for the Extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	6	-	16	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0
Indep.	6	-	7	0	x \$ 84	0
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Subtotal						\$ 0
Reduction by 1/2 if small entity						- 0
TOTAL						\$ 0

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- ☐ A fee of \$ to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

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- ☐ A check for \$ to cover the above fee(s) is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6, 8, 10, 13, 15, and 16, amend claims 7, 9, 11, 12, and 14, and add new claim 17 as follows:

7. (Amended) A method for differentiating progenitor cells into cholinergic neurons in a patient in need of same comprising administering to said patient a pharmaceutical composition comprising an amount of BMP-9 in a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle sufficient to induce differentiation of progenitor cells into cholinergic neurons.